

32. (Previously presented) A tree harvesting apparatus according to claim 31 wherein said rotary saw is a rotary circular saw and is disposed in an inclined plane so that a leading edge of the saw is near ground level and below a trailing edge of the saw.

33. (Previously presented) A tree harvesting apparatus according to claim 32 wherein said rotary circular saw has a dished or convexly curved bottom surface for reducing possible contact area between the bottom surface of the saw and the ground.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously presented) A tree harvesting apparatus according to claim 34 wherein said first conveyor means comprises a first endless loop chain from which a plurality of said fingers extend, and said second conveyor means comprises second and third endless chains from each of which a plurality of said fingers extend, said second and third endless chains vertically spaced from each other and wherein the first endless chain is located vertically intermediate said second and third endless chains.

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36. (Previously presented) A tree harvesting apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said second conveyor means is coupled to a floating frame that allows said second conveyor means to move relative to said first conveyor means.

37. (Previously presented) A tree harvesting apparatus according to claim 36 wherein said floating frame is arranged to allow said second conveyor means to fish tail.